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TO: **Chief of Station, [ ]**  
FROM: **Chief, IT / K**

DATE: **1 July 1947**

SUBJECT: GENERAL: **Croat Activities**  
SPECIFIC: **Eugen LALA, LALSA & LUKIC**  
**Ferdinand OTTENSILZ (or possibly OTTENSILZ)**  
**Nikola MOJAN**

References: **TIR-124, dated 6 June 1947 (re Eugenio LALA)**  
**Wash. # 3700, dated 27 June 1947 to [ ] (re LALA)**

## 1. **TICO - Paris Group.**

On 2 January 1947, Ferdinand OTTENSILZ and Nikola MOJAN were reported (in KPL-105, evaluated B-U) to be members of the Paris Group of the **YUGOSLAVIAN ARMY RECONSTRUCTION ORGANIZATION (YARO)**, Secret International Guard Organization, which is the executive body which directs the secret operations of the **YUGOSLAVIAN ARMY**, a specially organized unit on a worldwide scale. It is stated that in every country there is a secret society of the **TICO** who is known only to special agents carrying out specific missions.

At the time of this 2 January 47 report, the Paris Group, including in addition to OTTENSILZ and MOJAN, **Dr. Andrej ARTANOVIC** (former Minister of the Interior during the **YUGOSLAVIAN ARMY** regime), secretary of the Paris Group, and **Franko PUFILJ**, secretary to MOJAN, had been discovered at the Hotel **Paris** in Paris by the Allied Authorities, and as a consequence the identified members were planning to leave in order to continue their work in locations where they were unknown. OTTENSILZ and his wife were reported as leaving for **BRAZIL**, and MOJAN, for **MEXICO** via the U.S.

## 2. **Ferdinand OTTENSILZ.**

According to KPL-135 of 9 January 47 (unevaluated), OTTENSILZ was a close friend of **Dr. Vladimir KOLJA**, former Ustaša Minister of Finance, and is alleged to have deposited in his own name in **Switzerland** funds of the **Croat State** with which KOLJA is reported

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to have absconded during the war. These funds had been used until the date of this report to finance the operations of the Paris Group. This group has dealt chiefly in currency on the black market, but its principal function seems to have been helping compromised Ustasha members escape under false names. It is believed that this activity, the illicit transport of arms, etc., brought about the strange working agreement alleged to exist between the Ustasha and OZMA, the Yugoslav State Intelligence Service. (APL-105)

The OTTERFELZ Organization also had connections with the KRAUS Gang, an undercover outfit working for OZMA and MVD (NKVD) with a widespread network all over Europe.

OTTERFELZ, like the other members of his group, is a Croat; he was born in Zagreb on 2 February 16. Katig (or Kitty), his wife (if he really is married to her) is a German, having been born at Munich on 3 March 1916.

### 3. Eugen LAJA or LAJA. . . LUKIC

Eugen LAJA was reported on 19 July 1946 to be secretary to NADEX in Paris. LAJA is stated to have had a very black past, to be in secret contact with the Yugoslav Legation, and to be an OZMA agent. He is believed to have thoroughly penetrated NADEX, who is said to have been very unfortunate in his choice of secretaries. LAJA was sometimes delegated to contact the TUPON in Paris; through observation the Serb National Student Group learned that he was in touch with a Croat in the Yugoslav Legation named ZELA and that he had made no attempt to contact Serb emigres for some time. In August 1946, LAJA is reported from Paris to have edited in German the newsletter of President NADEX and to be leaving for Rio de Janeiro to take over the leadership in Croatian emigration to Latin America.

(On 6 Feb. 46, LAJA was reported to have a British passport in the name of LUKIC; on 9 March 46, a source stated that LAJA had a British passport alleging service in the IS).

### 4. Nikola NOLAN.

The only additional information on NOLAN is contained in a report of 20 March 1946. It is stated that NOLAN is a Croat businessman from Spain, believed to be Jewish. He, together with Eugen LAJA, had been engaged in RES anti-TITO activity in Rome and conducted "certain black market transactions" in gold between Italy and France.

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